

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute new claims 22-42 therefor as follows:

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

22. (New) A method for simulating a communications network through objects that model respective network devices, comprising the steps of:

simulating through said objects the supply of network services according to respective quality of service profiles;

selectively identifying at least one quality of service profile; and

dynamically configuring said objects to simulate the supply of the service corresponding to said selectively identified quality of service profile.

23. (New) The method according to claim 22, comprising the step of inserting, for at least one network user, a respective parameter related to a particular respective quality of service profile.

24. (New) The method according to claim 23, comprising the steps of:

selectively associating to a plurality of network users respective quality of service profiles; and

performing at least one simulation in which every simulated user uses a different service from that used by other users of said plurality.

25. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the steps are applied for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals, said quality of service profile comprising parameters chosen from the group of:

traffic class,

maximum transfer time of a data unit,

guaranteed transfer speed for data transmitted by mobile terminal toward the network,

maximum transfer speed for data transmitted from mobile terminal toward the network,

guaranteed transfer speed for data transmitted by the network toward a mobile terminal, and

maximum transfer speed for data transmitted by the network toward a mobile terminal.

26. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the steps are applied for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals connected through radio interfaces to a switching centre, said mobile terminals and said switching centre comprising respective control modules of calls, wherein, in case of simulation of a circuit switching call originated from a mobile terminal, the method comprises the step of directly sending said parameter from said control module of the mobile terminal toward the control module of the switching centre in view of the forwarding of said parameter to modules of the related radio interfaces that start the connection according to the type of service pointed out in said parameter.

27. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the steps are applied for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals connected through radio interfaces to a network node, said mobile terminals and said network node comprising respective

modules for managing the mobile terminal session and for managing the support node session, wherein, in case of simulation of a packet switching call originated from a mobile terminal, the method comprises the step of directly sending said parameter from said module for managing the mobile terminal session toward said module for managing the support node session in view of the forwarding of such parameter to the modules of the related radio interfaces that start the connection according to the type of service pointed out in said parameter.

28. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the steps are applied for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals cooperating with blocks responsible for starting the connection, wherein, in case of simulation of a call originated from a terminal, said parameter is specified by said terminal to said blocks during the procedure for starting the connection.

29. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the steps are applied for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals cooperating with blocks responsible for starting the connection, wherein, in case of simulation of a terminated call toward a determined network terminal, comprises the step of taking said parameter from the terminal object of the call, said taking step being performed by said blocks responsible for starting the connection.

30. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the steps are applied for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals cooperating with network devices, comprising, in case of simulation of a terminated call on a mobile terminal, the step of sending the indication of connection start beginning from simulated network devices

omitting the indication of what quality of service profile to use and obtaining said profile from the mobile terminal to which the call is directed.

31. (New) A system for simulating a communications network through objects that model respective network devices, in which said objects simulate the supply of network services according to respective quality of service profiles, comprising objects that are dynamically configurable to simulate the supply of services corresponding to selectively identified quality of service profiles.

32. (New) The system according to claim 31, wherein, for at least one network user, a respective parameter is defined related to a particular respective quality of service profile.

33. (New) The system according to claim 32, wherein:
respective quality of service profiles are associated with a plurality of users of the simulated network; and

the system is configured for performing at least one simulation in which every simulated user uses a different service from that used by other users of said plurality.

34. (New) The system according to claim 31, for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals, said quality of service profile comprising parameters chosen from the group of:

traffic class,

maximum transfer time of a data unit,

guaranteed transfer speed for data transmitted by mobile terminal toward the network,

maximum transfer speed for data transmitted from mobile terminal toward the network,

guaranteed transfer speed for data transmitted by the network toward a mobile terminal, and

maximum transfer speed for data transmitted by the network toward a mobile terminal.

35. (New) The system according to claim 32, for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals connected through radio interfaces to a switching centre, said mobile terminals and said switching centre comprising respective control modules of calls wherein, in case of simulation of a circuit switching call originated from a mobile terminal, the system is configured for directly sending said parameter from said control module of the mobile terminal toward the control module of the switching centre in view of the forwarding of said parameter to modules of the related radio interfaces that start the connection according to the type of service pointed out in said parameter.

36. (New) The system according to claim 32, for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals connected through radio interfaces to a network node, said mobile terminals and said network node comprising respective modules for managing a mobile terminal session and for managing a support node session, wherein, in case of simulation of a packet switching call originated from a mobile terminal, the system is configured for directly sending said parameter from said module for managing the mobile terminal session toward said module for managing the support node session in view of the forwarding of said parameter to the modules of the related radio interfaces

that start the connection according to the type of service pointed out in said parameter.

37. (New) The system according to claim 32, for simulating networks comprising terminals cooperating with blocks responsible for starting the connection, wherein, in case of simulation of a call originated from a terminal, the system is configured for specifying said parameter from said terminal to said blocks during the procedure for starting the connection.

38. (New) The system according to claim 32, for simulating networks comprising terminals cooperating with blocks responsible for starting the connection, wherein, in case of simulation of a terminated call toward a certain network terminal, the system is configured for taking said parameter from the terminal object of the call, said taking being performed by said blocks responsible for starting the connection.

39. (New) The system according to claim 31, for simulating networks comprising mobile terminals cooperating with network devices, wherein, in case of simulation of a terminated call on a mobile terminal, the system is configured for sending the indication of connection start beginning from simulated network devices by omitting the indication of what quality of service profile to use and by obtaining said profile from the mobile terminal to which the call is directed.

40. (New) An object for simulating the supply of network services according to respective quality of service profiles comprising a simulating system according to claim 31, wherein said system is able to be dynamically configured to simulate the supply of services corresponding to selectively identified quality of service profiles.

41. (New) A communications network resulting from the application of the

method according to any one of claims 22 to 30.

42. (New) A computer program product loadable in a memory of at least one electronic computer and comprising portions of software code capable of performing the method according to any one of claims 22-30.